

VA / DoD JOINT VENTURE

Wm Beaumont Army Medical Center



El Paso VA Health Care System



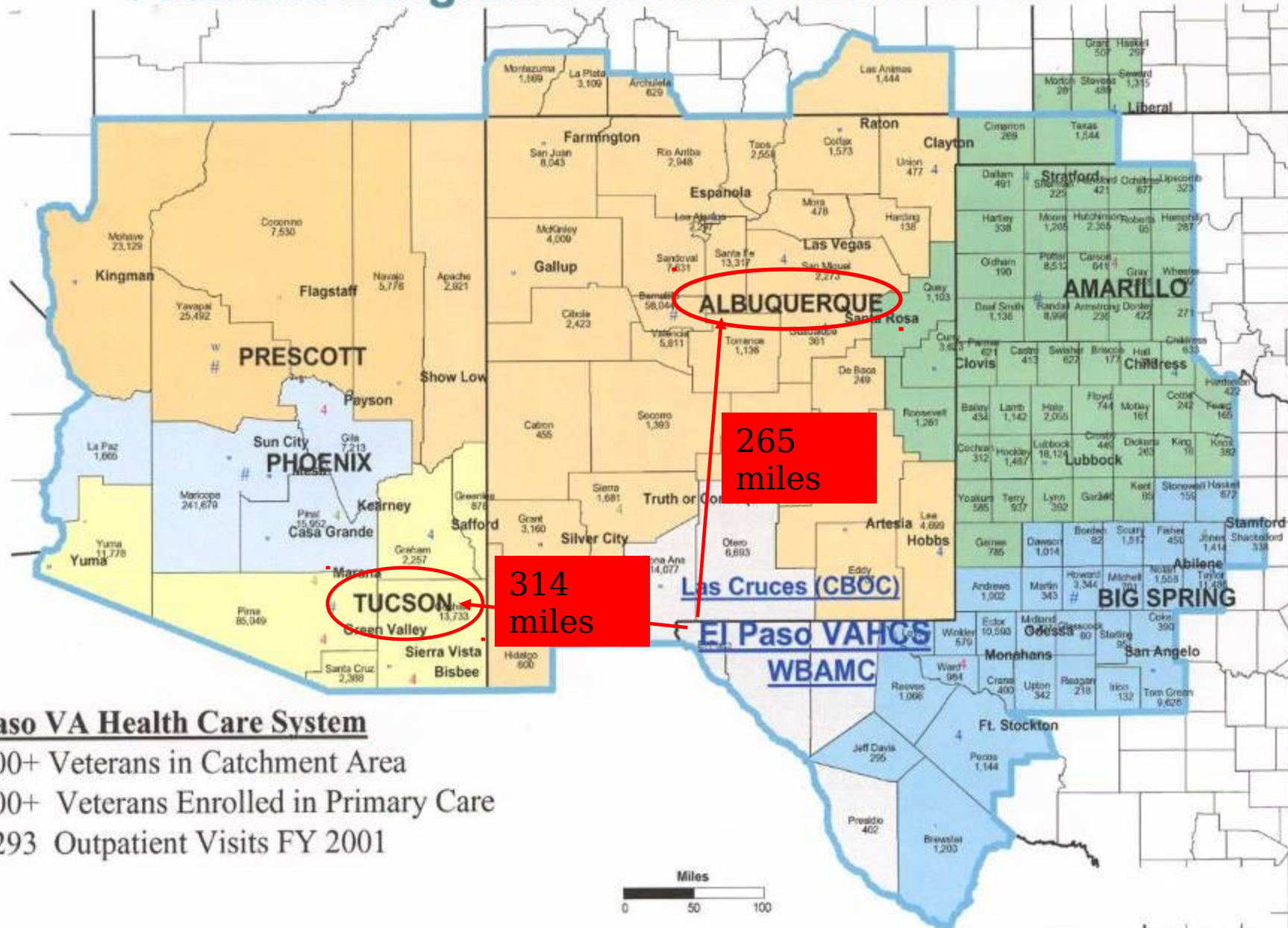
Background



- WBAMC and EPVAHCS relationship goes back to early 1970s.
- Joint Venture Planning for VA Facility began in 1987.
- EPVAHCS ground breaking occurred in July 1993.
- EPVAHCS opened in October 1995, adjacent and connected on four levels to WBAMC.
- JV Structure revolves around the Executive Management Team.
 - Co-chaired by Director and Commander.
 - Provides guidance, policy, and final approval on initiatives.
 - Administrative and Reimbursement subcommittees
- Work group organized as required.

Southwest Network

Veterans Integrated Service Network 18



El Paso VA Health Care System

75,000+ Veterans in Catchment Area

20,000+ Veterans Enrolled in Primary Care

180,293 Outpatient Visits FY 2001



WBAMC



Beds – 104 Staffed

126 Rapid Expansion

352 Total Expansion

Level II Trauma – 23% of El Paso cases seen

GME – Internal Medicine & Orthopedic/General
Surgery

Budget – \$162.2 Million

Eligible Population: Active Duty: 13,470

AD Family: 19,600

NonAD/Family: 28,500

Staffing: Military: 743

Civilian: 925

Red Cross volunteers: 133

Contract/GWOT: 407



EPVAHCS



Outpatient with Same Day Surgery
**Inpatient Mental Health Initiative

Budget – Total \$76M

Eligible Population: 65,000

Enrolled Population : 22,474

Staffing:

- Employees: 403



MOU - WBAMC Services Provided



Treatment Services

- Emergency Department Services
- Inpatient Care
- Ambulatory Care
- Same Day Surgery
- Ambulance Services

Specialty Services:

- Cardiac Care
- Dialysis (Inpatient)
- General & Vascular Surgery
- Ophthalmology
- Urology

Ancillary Services:

Laboratory
Radiology
MRI
Pharmacy



Other Services in JV MOU



Other WBAMC Provided Services:

- VA Residents in WBAMC GME Program – 8 per year
- Code Blue Support (Major Medical Emergency in VA ASC)
- Security for EPVAHCS

VA Provided Services:

- Access VA Operating Rooms (Contingency Requirements)
- CT Back-up Support
- Joint Activities:
- Cooperative DoD-VA Separation and Retirement Process
- Clinical Sleep Lab



A Patient Activity at WBAMC



Inpatient Cases	983
Same Day Procedures	331
Emergency Department	3,480
Outpatient Visits	11,456
Laboratory Procedures	52,809
Radiology Exams/Readings	10,359
Prescriptions Filled	8,925

Data for FY 2005



Demonstration Site IM/IT Project



Laboratory Data Sharing Initiative - Phase I

Electronic lab order entry and results retrieval VA to DoD

Electronic lab order entry and results retrieval DoD to VA

Bidirectional Information Exchange (BHIE) - Phase II

Patient Demographics

Outpatient Pharmacy

Allergy Information

BHIE - Phase III

Radiology – radiology reports (text only)

Laboratory – surgical pathology, cytology, microbiology, chemistry & hematology, and laboratory reports (text only)

Current Activity - Radiology Image Sharing Proposal in at VA-DoD Enterprise level



Joint Venture Challenges



MOU Negotiation

Reimbursement rates

Identifying “real” costs

Cultural Differences

Missions

Focus of care (inpatient vs. outpatient)

Population care needs (acuity level)

Leadership tenures



Keys to Joint Venture Success



- Keep each other informed of big issues
- Brainstorm as a team
- Work together on documents, plans, etc. as opposed to one-sided creation
- Encourage staff to get to know each other, develop a sense of community
- **TALK** to each other



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